

Wednesday 26th April 2023

The Solent Schools – Young Carers Group Registration of Interest

Dear Parent / Carer

I am emailing you today with further information relating to a new Young Carers Group that we are setting up at the Solent Schools.

The aim of our Young Carers Group is to provide support for our pupils who look after someone at home with any long-term illness or disability (including mental health conditions). This could be a sibling, parent/carer, or any family member. The young people may provide additional support around the home or be emotionally affected; perhaps through worrying about the person they care for. In addition, they may miss out on things that other young people experience. The Young Carers Group at Solent will provide a safe environment for our young people to have fun, meet other young carers and have a chance to be children and play.

The group will meet up on a regular basis and either take part in activities within school such as cookery, art and games. Sometimes we will run extended sessions during which we will take the children out on the school minibus to take part in other activities locally. For the summer term 2023, we have scheduled a series of 7 draft dates in total.

If this group proves successful this term, we will continue into the next academic year. We have already received interest from a number of families following an item in a newsletter earlier this academic year. These children are now registered to attend a number of our sessions. We are very aware that it is likely that there are a still a number of our Young Carers who remain unidentified. If you feel that your child may be a Young Carer, and you would like to register your interest in them joining this group, please [click here](#) to complete a quick registration form. We will then be back in contact with further details.

Yours sincerely



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